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SUBJ: UNILATERAL TURKISH ASSERTION OF AIR SPACE CONTROL

REF A. ATHENS 5473 (NOTAL) B. USDAO ANKARA 081515Z AUG 74
(NOTAL)

GENEVA FOR HARTMAN

1. REF A REPORTS DEFMIN AVEROFF'S ACCOUNT IN AUGUST 7 MEETING WITH ASST. SEC. HARTMAN OF SUBJECT ACTION BY GOT AND OF GOG'S INTENTION NOT TO COMPLY. REF B PROVIDES TEXT OF GOT NOTAM 714 DTG 061025Z AUG 74.

2. HELLENIC AIR FORCE COMMAND (HAF) ON AUGUST 9 DISCUSSION WITH USDAO OBJECTED STRENUOUSLY, INITIALLY VERBALLY BUT FOLLOWED BY BY MESSAGE, TO ALLEGED ACTION OF USAF AIRCRAFT COMPLYING WITH NOTAM 714, IN EFFECT COMPLAINING THAT USAF RECOGNIZING THAT GREEK AIR SPACE IS SUBJECT TO TURKISH CONTROL. HAF MAINTAINS THAT USAF AIRCRAFT ARE TRANSITING GREEK AIR SPACE WITHOUT FILING OR REPORTING POSITION TO GREEK AUTHORITIES BUT INSTEAD COMPLYING WITH INVALID TURKISH NOTAM. SPECIFIC EXAMPLE CITED WAS SAID TO BE AT 081845Z AUG 74 BY USAF C-141 NO. M50265 ENROUTE ADANA TO FRANKFURT TRANSITING AIRWAYS R19, B34, A14, G8. AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY FLEW 20 INUTES IN GREEK FIR (TO DISTANCE OF 7 MILES FROM MILO) WITHOUT FLIGHT PLAN/POSITION REPORT TO GREEK AUTHORITIES.

3. GOG REPORTEDLY HAS ISSUED NOTAM 1018 DECLARING NOTAM 714 INVALID, ASSERTING GREEK CAA IS ONLY RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY IN AREA, ONLY GREEK-ESTABLISHED REPORTING POINTS WITHIN ATHENAI FIR ARE VALID, AND INDICATING GOG WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENFORCE. HAF SUGGESTS IT MAY HAVE TO TAKE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES IF USAF CONTINUES TO VIOLATE GREEK AIR SPACE.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE CHECKING WITH FRENCH AND OTHER AIRLINES AFFECTED BY TURKISH NOTAM TO SEE HOW THEY PROPOSE TO HANDLE PROBLEM. MEANWHILE, WE BELIEVE THAT ALL US AIRCRAFT TRANSITING AREA IN QUESTION SHOULD COMPLY WITH BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH REGULATIONS UNTIL MATTER SORTED OUT BETWEEN GOT
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AND GOG. IF FEASIBLE, THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY FILING FLIGHT PLAN WITH NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF ONE COUNTRY PRIOR TO TAKEOFF AND WITH THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRY AT APPROPRIATE TIME WHEN AIRBORNE. WE DO NOT LIKE THIS COURSE OF ACTION WHICH RISKS EXACERBATING RELATIONS WITH HAF, BUT UNTIL COMMON POSITION CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH OTHER CARRIERS BELIEVE US AIRCRAFT MUST COMPLY. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ASSURE THAT RESPONSIBLE USAF AUTHORITIES ISSUE APPROPRIATE

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